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## Police Aim to Save Lives with "Booze It & Lose It"

Due to the increase in drunken-driving-related fatalities around the holidays each year, state and local law enforcement agencies across North Carolina were out in full force for the holiday Booze It & Lose It campaign. The statewide campaign lasted from December 11, 2015 through Jan. 3.

Their efforts resulted in 3,074 DWI charges in which 252 were drug-related charges and 2,822 were alcohol related.

Nearly 350 law enforcement agencies participated in the campaign, issuing 105,020 traffic and criminal citations in addition to the 2,822 DWI charges at 10,914 checking stations and saturation patrols across the state.

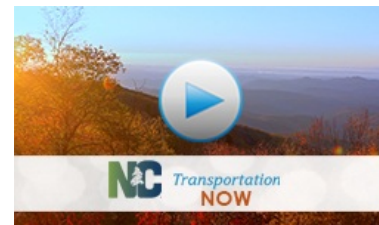
The top five counties for DWI arrests during the campaign were as follows:

- Wake County - 260;
- Guilford County - 208;
- Mecklenburg County - 168;
- Cumberland County - 136; and
- Forsyth County - 125.



The Governor's Highway Safety Program reminds drivers not to drink and drive.

## Stay Connected



## N.C. Transportation Now

This week's episode of N.C. Transportation Now looks back at the highlights from the department in 2015.

NCDOT Year in Review 2015 was a milestone year for the N.C. Department of Transportation, not only because it marked the department's centennial, but also because it saw a number of major reforms aimed at modernizing and stabilizing the funding available for transportation improvements across the state.

Over the past century, North Carolina's

## **Kivett Drive Name Changed in Honor of MLK in Guilford County**

The N.C. Department of Transportation began replacing Kivett Drive signs in High Point with new signs that read ML King Jr. Drive, in honor of the civil rights activist.



**Kivett Drive Name  
Changed in Honor of  
Martin Luther King Jr.**

"There has been a fairly strong community push for the last several years to have a route through High Point named for Dr. King, and city officials have determined that Kivett drive would be the best location for this project," said High Point Transportation Director Mark McDonald.

"This is a city sponsored project that we are executing at the request of the citizens of our great city," added McDonald.

"About a dozen state-maintained road signs will have to be changed and several city-maintained signs will be switched as Kivett Drive is a major corridor through the downtown area," said Division 7 Engineer Mike Mills.

"We are glad to work hand in hand with the city to not only help develop the vision of the citizens of High Point, but to honor the legacy of a leader that has been recognized around the county as one of the leaders in the movement for justice and equality in America," said Division 7 Board Member Cheryl McQueary.

## **Members of the Board of Transportation Approve Projects Being Added to STIP Funding Including Acceleration of the Greensboro Road Widening/Jamestown Bypass in Guilford County And Several Triad-Area Projects**



Division 7 Board Member  
Cheryl McQueary

After Governor Pat McCrory recently announced in December that many transportation projects across the state will see construction dates moved up thanks to the

transportation system has evolved from rudimentary farm-to-market roads to a comprehensive multimodal network that connects people and places and serves as a significant economic engine for our state, and much of the focus throughout 2015 was on ensuring that the state's transportation infrastructure continues to support North Carolina's growing and diverse needs.



## **Division 7 Roadside Environmental Unit Receives Statewide Award**

NCDOT gives Rest Area Awards annually at the roadside December meeting for the best statewide in three categories: Interstate Rest Area, Primary Rest Area and Longevity- interstate (or primary at least 15 years old without a major

signed 2015 state budget, the NCDOT Board of Transportation approved the plan Thursday morning that includes acceleration the Greensboro Road widening/Jamestown Bypass in Guilford County by years, and the funding of the [N.C. 119 Mebane Bypass](#) in Alamance County as well as several other area projects.

"N.C. 119 in Alamance County serves the dual functions of providing the primary regional north-south route between I-85 south of Mebane and U.S. 58 in southern Virginia as well as providing north-south access to downtown Mebane," said Division 7 Board Member Cheryl McQueary.

"This project is needed to address travel demand, emergency vehicle response time, and the need for circumferential roads for people working outside of Mebane and Alamance County," said NCDOT Division 7 Engineer Mike Mills.

"The primary purpose of the reforms was to ensure transportation funds were being spent on transportation projects and not diverted to other state programs," Governor McCrory said.

The state budget includes additional funding for transportation through the elimination of the transfer from the Highway Fund to the General Fund and through other fee and rate changes resulting in an additional \$1.6 billion over the next 10 years for transportation construction. The additional money allows NC Transportation add or accelerate a total of 248 construction projects across the state.

Ninety-two new segments of highway projects can now be funded through the [State Transportation Improvement Program \(STIP\)](#), the department's 10-year construction plan. Additionally, the construction schedules of another 90 highway projects already approved in the STIP are being accelerated. An additional 66 non-highway projects are also being added to or accelerated in the program.

The NCDOT followed the Strategic Transportation Investments law to identify new projects (either segments or entire projects) at the statewide, regional and division levels. The projects were identified from those previously scored based on the same weights and criteria (data) used to develop the 2016-2025 STIP.

The schedule changes, called amendments, were presented to the Board of Transportation for their review at

renovation).

For 2015 Division 7 won first place in the Longevity Category for the site in [Caswell County on U.S. 29](#).

This site was opened in 1994.



### **Division's Christmas Donations Bring in Hundreds For Those in Need**

Employees gave sacrificially in 2015 to help families in need. We adopted two families with a total of 5 children from ages 3 to 11. Employees gave \$400 in donations to make Christmas special for two deserving families. There were tons of gifts from bikes, clothes, shoes, video games, toys, and even the stockings were bought and filled! Thank you to all those that gave!



### **IMAP Highlighted During**

their December meeting last month.

For more to the highway and non-highway projects approved this morning click:

[Non-highway](#) or [Highway](#) and follow NCDOT on Twitter.

## **Inclement Weather Season**

WGHP TV crews stopped by the Triad TMC Center on December 30, 2015 to find out about [IMAP responsibilities](#) during winter weather.

IMAP is a free service that provides roadway assistance to stranded motorists - regardless of their insurance provider. The Safety Patrol also clears roadways and provides temporary traffic control to help keep major North Carolina roadways safe and traffic flowing smoothly.



## **January 2016 Rail Report**

NCDOT is investing in modernizing the state's railways through a series of railroad and highway construction projects and enhancements known as the Piedmont Improvement Program, or PIP.

View project photos from around the Triad and get current project information by [clicking here](#).

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